

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original). The use of a particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having substantially spherical particle morphology as a condom finishing powder.

Claim 2 (original). Use according to claim 1 wherein the particles have a lower circularity factor (as defined herein) than pharmaceutical grade light magnesium carbonate.

Claim 3 (original). Use according to claim 2 wherein the circularity factor is 15 or below, suitably 14 or below.

Claim 4 (currently amended). Use according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~ wherein the compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 5 (currently amended). Use according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 4~~ wherein the compound is a salt such as magnesium or calcium carbonate.

Claim 6 (original). Use according to claim 5 wherein the salt is basic magnesium carbonate which is a mixture of magnesium carbonate and hydrated magnesium hydroxide.

Claim 7 (currently amended). Use according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~ wherein the compound has been spray dried.

Claim 8 (original). The use of a spray dried, particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound as a condom finishing powder.

Claim 9 (original). Use according to claim 8 wherein the compound is spray dried magnesium carbonate.

Claim 10 (currently amended). Use according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 7 to 9 wherein the compound has been made according to the Aman process.

Claim 11 (currently amended). Use according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 8 to 10 wherein ~~the compound is as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6~~ the particles have a lower circularity factor (as defined herein) than pharmaceutical grade light magnesium carbonate.

Claim 12 (currently amended). A condom comprising a finishing powder as ~~defined in any preceding claim~~ which comprises a particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having substantially spherical particle morphology.

Claim 13 (currently amended). A process for rolling a condom with finishing powder thereon from an unrolled state to a roiled state or vice versa, which process comprises rolling the condom by applying suitable roiling means, characterized in that

the finishing powder is ~~as defined in any of claims 1-10~~ a particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having substantially spherical particle morphology.

Claim 14 (original). A process according to claim 13 wherein the rolling means is applied to one side of the condom only.

Claim 15 (original). A condom finishing powder comprising a substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having substantially spherical particle morphology.

Claim 16 (currently amended). A powder according to claim 15 wherein the ~~compound is as defined in any of claims 1 to 7~~ the particles have a lower circularity factor (as defined herein) than pharmaceutical grade light magnesium carbonate.

Claim 17 (new). A powder according to claim 15 wherein the compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 18 (new). A powder according to claim 15 wherein the compound is a salt such as magnesium or calcium carbonate.

Claim 19 (new). Use according to claim 8 wherein the compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 20 (new). Use according to claim 8 wherein the compound is a salt such as magnesium or calcium carbonate.